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| TITLE DR. LEO SZILARD, wa | | | CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Since 9/7/54 SZILARD has been staying alone at Kings Crown Hotel, NYC. He is said to have informal connection with International Latex Corp., NY, possibly as a consultant on chemistry problems. Certain contacts of SZILARD during Nov. 1954 identified.

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DETAILS: On December 2, 1954, [T-1] of unknown reliability, who is in a position to know of the personnel of International Latex Corporation, advised that SZILARD had an informal connection with this firm, possibly as a consultant on chemistry problems. [T-1] stated that SZILARD did not appear regularly at the company offices and supplied his home address as the Kings Crown Hotel, 420 West 116th Street, New York, New York.

[T-2] of known reliability, advised on November 28, 1954 that the International Latex Corporation was a Delaware corporation with headquarters at Dover, Delaware, and a staff of about 2,000 employees. Its New York office is located at 350 - 5th Avenue and its Chicago office at 1015 Merchants Mart. [T-2] further stated that the corporation was wholly-owned subsidiary of Stanley-Warner Corporation, the latter being active as a holding company and operator of motion picture theatres in New York City.

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In addition to International Latex, Stanley-Warner holds controlling interest in 33 other corporations, most of which are active in the operation of motion picture theatres or as real estate holding companies. According to T-2, International Latex Corporation manufactures, under a patented process, various dipped latex products, including bathing caps, hospital supplies, sporting goods, infants' wear, and so forth. The brand name "Play-Tex" is featured in connection with all its products.

[T-3] of known reliability, was interviewed on December 3, 13 and 16, 1954 and on January 28, 1955. [T-3] (U) advised that SZILARD had checked into the King's Crown Hotel, 420 West 116th Street, New York, on September 7, 1954 and had resided continuously in room 605 since that date, with the exception of the period December 3 to 17, 1954, during which time he was absent on a trip to Chicago, according to his own statement. SZILARD registered giving the address [redacted] He has resided alone, although T-3 believed that SZILARD had mentioned that he was married. T-3 stated that SZILARD had checked into the hotel previously on the following dates, although the dates of departure are not available:

January 7, 1954
February 16, 1954
April 13, 1954
June 29, 1954
July 16, 1954
August 23, 1954

[T-3] also supplied phone numbers and the dates they were called by SZILARD while at the King's Crown Hotel during November 1954. The listings for these numbers were supplied by [T-4] of known reliability, on January 12, 1955. This information is set forth as follows:

| Name | Date |
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| PETER H. BERGSON, 3 West 63rd Street, New York, New York | November 1, 1954 |

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It is noted that the current Telephone Directory lists a business address for this person at 68 Wall Street.

An article in the newspaper "PM" for May 26, 1944 by JACK SHAFER identifies one PETER H. BERGSON, then of Washington, D. C., as the founder of the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation, the aim of which was to obtain a seat in the United Nations, an independent army and the creation of a free Palestine.

The files of T-5, another government agency, reflect that PETER H. BERGSON, born Hillel Kook, was residing as of October 1940 at 3 East 63rd Street and was unemployed. BERGSON advised T-5 on October 26, 1942 that he was then National Director of the Committee for a Jewish Army of Stateless and Palestinian Jews and residing in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. PAULA U. KAUFMAN, [redacted]

November 2, 5, and
16, 1954

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The files of the New York Office contain no information identifiable with this person.

Carr and Company, Certified Public Accountants, 39 Broadway, New York

November 12, 26, 1954

The files of the New York Office contain no pertinent information identifiable with this organization.

SEYMOUR E. KREWER, 514 [redacted]

November 9, 14, 15,
16, 17 (3 times),
19, 21, 25, 1954

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The files of T-6, another government agency, reflect that on an unspecified date one SEYMOUR KREWER, a chemist employed by the Photo-Volt Corporation of New York, had furnished information to T-6 in connection with one MICHAEL NICHOLAS ENDELMAN, a fellow employee. KREWER advised T-6 that he considered ENDELMAN to be "left", that ENDELMAN and his friends had been in Russia for many years but did not like it there. He advised that ENDELMAN was interested in the workers' movement in Europe, but he did not believe ENDELMAN was a Communist.

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Date

MARSHAL MAC DUFFIE, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

November 5, 25,
1954

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On January 13, 1955 MARSHAL MAC DUFFIE, [REDACTED] was interviewed by SA LAWRENCE F. MC WILLIAMS in connection with another matter. MAC DUFFIE had previously advised that he was an attorney formerly employed by the [REDACTED] in the Ukraine and had revisited Russia during October-December 1953. He later wrote a series of articles entitled [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] magazine starting on February 18, 1954. MAC DUFFIE has stated that since his return from Russia, he has been in contact with certain Soviet personnel in the United States in an effort to arrange business dealings.

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MAC DUFFIE stated that he met SZILARD on several occasions in New York during the period December 28, 1954 and January 13, 1955. MAC DUFFIE stated that he has known SZILARD for quite a few years and identified SZILARD as a former atomic scientist connected with the government production of the atomic bomb about ten years ago. At the present time, according to MAC DUFFIE, SZILARD is no longer connected with atomic research but is engaged in research connected with the artificial growth of food plants under ocean waters. MAC DUFFIE characterized SZILARD as fundamentally a nice person, but somewhat eccentric, and as "a man out to make a buck".

Nuclear Development Associates, 80
Grand Street, White Plains, New York

November 5, 1954

The Nuclear Development Associates filed a Certificate of Incorporation on May 12, 1948 with the County Clerk's Office, New York County, in which it was stated that the purpose of the corporation was to engage, on its own behalf and that of others, in research and development in the field of theoretical and applied physics, particularly in the field of atomic energy and fissionable and radioactive materials.

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[T-7] of known reliability, advised in January 1949 that most of the officers of the Nuclear Development Associates were scientists formerly employed at the Atomic Energy Commission Laboratories, some of whom maintained their connection with the Atomic Energy Commission as consultants.

In addition to the above, [T-3] ~~(U)~~ advised that on November 12, 1954 SZILARD had placed a person-to-person call to Denver, Colorado, a Dr. WEISZ, at Fremont 7-9683. He also made long distance calls to Denver on November 6, 15 and 18, 1954, but the name or telephone number of the person called was not available to [T-3]. [T-3] also noted that long distance calls had been made on several occasions to Princeton, New Jersey and Boston, Massachusetts, but no names or phone numbers were available.

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| T-1 [redacted] | Subject's connection with this company | 12/2/54 | SA JAMES T. O'BRIEN | Instant report |
| T-2 [redacted] | Background on International Latex Corp. | 11/28/54 | SE LEROY C. DAVIS | Instant report (U) (S) |
| T-3 [redacted] | Subject's activities at hotel | 12/3, 13, 16/54; 1/28/55 | SA JAMES T. O'BRIEN | Instant report |
| T-4 [redacted] | [redacted] | 1/12/55 | SE THOMAS J. MC GUIRE | Instant report |
| T-5 [redacted] | Background information on PETER H. BERGSON | Dec. 1949 | SA LESTER O. GALLAHER | [redacted] [redacted] |

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Background on Not known Not known
SEYMOUR KREWER

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Instant investigation was terminated per instructions in Chicago letter dated 12/17/54 to the Bureau, which pointed out that investigation thus far had indicated that the original allegation on which this investigation was predicated had been inaccurate. For this reason, no leads have been set out for other offices on the basis of information contained herein.

REFERENCE: Report of SA RICHARD H. NACHTSHEIM, 10/13/54, Chicago.

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